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Dear Ms. Hesse,

I am quite concerned that the Department of Justice (DOJ) has moved to settle with Microsoft (MS) in a manner that leaves consumers inadequately protected. I have found MS information technology (IT) stifles outside innovation and inter-operability, and hope you will provide a resolution of the MS case that maximizes competition and consumer in the best public interest.

Minimally, I believe that Windows applications should run on other operating systems without modification; should be transparent to other software, so that it would be able to exchange files, data, and services with any MS product; should be able to run properly on computers with different microprocessors. Otherwise, consumers will continue to face unnecessary costs, limited choices, operational complexity, and reliability problems.

Enforcement provisions in the proposed settlement are also inadequate and could very well allow MS to continue to stifle competition, creativity, and cost-effectiveness. I urge the DOJ to announce public proceedings at the earliest opportunity as provided by the Tunney Act so that concerned consumers can speak to these issues.

Sincerely,

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